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Dear Dr. Kopal:

Thank you for your letter of July 20.

I am pleased and intrigued with the title "Icarus" and wish you great success, but regret that I am unable to undertake additional responsibilities implicit in your invitation. Thank you very much nevertheless.

I would look forward to a truly international publication as a primary situs of publication for planetary research, especially by spacecraft. I have tried to get the Space Science Board to formally encourage COSPAR to undertake this, but Berkner's understandable prior interest in the American Geophysical Union creates a complication. Can you envisage a tie-in with COSPAR to make "Icarus" into this?

Yours sincerely,

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